

SENATE BILL 3004

By Berke

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (29) and substituting instead the following:

(29) "Legal relative" means the person who is included in the class of persons set forth in the definition of "biological relative" or "legal parent," and who, at the time a request for search services or information is made pursuant to §§ 36-1-127 — 36-1-131, and 36-1-133 — 36-1-138, is related to the adopted person by any legal relationship established by law, court order, or by marriage, but specifically includes, in addition, a stepparent or the spouse of any legal relative;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, is further amended by deleting subdivision (42) and substituting instead the following:

(42) "Related" means grandparents or any degree of great-grandparents, aunts or uncles, or any degree of great-aunts or great-uncles, or stepparent, or cousins of the first degree or any siblings of the whole or half-degree or any spouse of the above listed relatives;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.